

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS

GLEANED FROM NUMEROUS SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY

Dispatches Picturing Developments From the
Outside World Stripped of Unnecessary
Details and Presented in Brief

Rain Welcomed
HOULTON, Maine, June 22.—After many days of anxiety copious rains fell during the night in the fire-swept district of northern Aroostook county, checking the forest fires which have raged for days.

Bubonic Plague Increases.
AMOY, June 22.—One hundred and thirty-one deaths from bubonic plague occurred in Amoy during the fortnight ending June 14. Official native reports from interior towns indicate a great increase in the disease. Chang Chow reports upward of 200 deaths daily.

Nineteen Hurt in Wreck.
EL PASO, Tex., June 23.—A passenger train on the Guaymas branch of the Southern Pacific railroad was wrecked last night at Pesquero, near Hermosillo, Mex. Conductor A. C. Budge of Nogales and eighteen passengers are reported to have been seriously injured. All the coaches except the sleeper turned over.

Drops Dead at Marriage.
BRILLION, Wis., June 23.—While the marriage vows of Miss Catherine Mulhane and John Bartz, a leading business man, were being solemnized, Miss Josephine Menelik, a friend of the couple, dropped dead from apoplexy while in attendance. Her body was carried out of the church on a stretcher, preceding the wedding party.

Man at Prayer Killed.
JOPLIN, Mo., June 23.—One fatality is reported as a result of the violent wind storm that passed over Monett, Mo., last night. The home of Andrew McCormick was demolished while the family were gathered at prayer. McCormick was blown 125 yards into a pond, where his body was found later. Five McCormick children were injured, one seriously.

Loses Last Penny.
BROOKLYN, N. Y., June 23.—Thomas Quayle was standing in front of a Fulton street lodging house in Brooklyn one night six months ago gazing pathetically at the last penny he had in the world, which he held in his hand, when John Curran snatched it from him and ran away. Curran was sentenced yesterday to two and a half years in Sing Sing for the theft.

Eel Stops Water.
NEW YORK, June 22.—When a resident of the Bronx failed to get water through a pipe at his home Sunday he reported the matter to the city authorities and that evening the main supplying that section of the city was shut off so that workmen could discover the difficulty. After the whole section had been without water for two days the workmen found a large eel wedged into the pipe feeding the complainant's home.

Given \$1000 Each.
YONKERS, N. Y., June 23.—Each of the 350 employees of Smith & Son's carpet factory at Yonkers received \$1000 in cash Monday. They were beneficiaries under the will of the late Mrs. Eva Smith-Cochrane, who was the principal owner of the factory. When she died in February last she left an estate of \$8,000,000 and willed that each employee of the factory who had been working in it for twenty years should receive \$1000.

Relations Between Races Improve.
WASHINGTON, June 21.—"The feeling between the white race and the colored race in the south is growing better each year," declared President Taft tonight before handing diplomas to nearly 200 graduates of the two local colored high schools and the colored normal school. "I do not care if there are extremists who differ from me," continued the president. "They do not represent the real white feeling in the south. As a negro laborer becomes more efficient, so does the industrial progress of the south move on."

Baseball by Electric Light
CINCINNATI, June 22.—Baseball by electric light, from which so much is expected by some, was given its first tryout at League park here last night, when members of the teams representing the Elks' lodges of Cincinnati and Newport, Ky., practiced for the after-dark game they will play next Thursday night.

The immense reflectors installed on high towers illuminated the field almost as brightly as daylight, and others manipulated so that light was thrown upward, made it easy to find and catch balls batted into the air. None of the Cincinnati's played, as President Hermann was unwilling to risk injury to any of his athletes in the untried style of ball playing.

An estimate by the geological survey places the country's production of Portland cement in 1908 at 40,000,000 barrels, a decrease from 1907 of nearly 20 per cent.

TWO DEAD AND TWO MAY DIE AS RESULT OF POLITICAL FEUD

OLD QUARREL IN MISSISSIPPI
ENDS FATALLY.

Four Deaths Probably Will Ensnare
from Shooting Scrape at Mead-
ville—Village Much Excited
Over Tragedy.

MEADVILLE, Miss., June 23.—Two men are dead, two were perhaps fatally wounded and three slightly injured in a street battle here this afternoon, caused by a bitter feud that has been previously marked with tragedy. Great excitement followed the fray and troops were rushed here to guard against possible rioting.

Dr. A. M. Newman, clerk of the chancery court, and Silas G. Reynolds were killed, and Dr. Lenox Newman and Herbert Applewhite are thought to be dying from their wounds.

L. P. Pritchard, a brother of Cornelius Pritchard, whom Dr. Newman killed seven weeks ago, was arrested charged with complicity in the tragedy.

The killing of Pritchard by Newman was the first blood shed in a feud that had existed between the two men, relatives and friends for months.

This bitter factionalism had its inception in a political campaign in which Newman and Pritchard were opposing candidates. Newman was tried a few weeks ago for Pritchard's murder and was acquitted.

The fight occurred almost on the same spot where Pritchard was slain. It is apparently doubtful who fired the first shot.

**PRESIDENT RECEIVES
DETROIT BALL TEAM**

WASHINGTON, June 23.—The Detroit baseball team, champions of the American league, was received by President Taft in the east room of the White House this afternoon.

When Ty Cobb, who led the league in batting last season, was presented to him, the president grasped the hand of the Georgian warmly and said: "I believe you and I are fellow citizens of Augusta, Mr. Cobb?"

Cobb modestly replied that he was proud to be a citizen of Augusta and a fellow citizen of Mr. Taft.

"The only difference between us," responded the president, with a broad grin, "is that down there they think you are about twice as big as I am."

TRAVELER LOST ON DESERT OPENS VEIN TO END THIRST

TRAVELER HAS DREAD EXPERI-
ENCE ON DESERT.

Placer Miner Finds Him Clawing the
Bed of a Dry Creek in Futile
Effort to Obtain
Water

SAN BERNARDINO, June 23.—After suffering for three days without food or water, Israel Swartz of Boston was found by a prospector in Black Canyon, on the desert, thirty miles north of Searchlight, nearly dead from thirst and the effects of his harrowing experience. The dying man had opened a vein in his arm and sucked the blood in an effort to relieve his misery.

Attracted by the cries of what he had at first thought to be a coyote, Victor Durand, a placer miner prospecting in the canyon, started to investigate and found Swartz lying on his face in the hard bed of a dry creek, clawing at the ground in a dying effort to reach water. The tops of his fingers were almost entirely worn away and his nails cut to the quick.

Swartz left this city some time ago to organize a searching party to make an effort to find A. O. Ellis, a close friend, who had been reported missing for several weeks and is supposed to have perished on the desert. Swartz, in a final effort to locate the missing man, started out all alone. He became lost and had had only a small quantity of water, which soon was exhausted.

Under the burning rays of the sun he started for Searchlight. For three days he wandered about on the burning sands without a drop of water and finally, crazed for the want of moisture, slashed his arm and sucked the blood. He was taken to Searchlight and is now lying between life and death in the hospital at that point. After his departure on the search for Ellis, the latter reappeared at Nelson, Ariz., where he is employed.

**ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE
MAYOR IS BELIEVED MADE**

BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio, June 21.—What is believed to have been an attempt to assassinate Mayor William R. Niven and burn his residence in this city was made early today when a bottle filled with kerosene which had been set aflame was thrown through a window of his house.

The bottle was wrapped with rags saturated with oil. The carpets and furniture in the room were set on fire, but the fire department quickly responded and extinguished the blaze.

The mayor was away from home at the time. Two policemen standing near saw a man running away, but supposed he was giving an alarm.

Mayor Niven was elected on a dry ticket two years ago. He is a well known Democratic politician.

Scotland has many houses without windows.

CALHOUN'S JURY FAIL TO AGREE

TWO FOR CONVICTION AND TEN CON-
TINUE FIRMLY FOR ACQUITTAL

Trial of Five Months Duration Ends Unsatisfac-
torily—Prosecution and Defense Assent to
Discharge of Jury; Five Ballots Taken

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22.—Terminating in a disagreement of the jury, with ten men determined on acquittal and two steadfastly resolved on conviction, the trial of President Patrick Calhoun of the United Railroads, came to an end at noon today.

Five months and a week had transpired since the wealthy street car magnate made his first appearance in court to answer to the charge of offering a bribe of \$4000 to a supervisor to obtain a privilege for his corporation, and a period of twenty-four hours had been consumed in fruitless deliberation.

Not until each juror had pronounced as hopeless the prospect of a verdict was the order for their liberation made by Judge William P. Lawlor.

Prosecution and defense gave assent to the discharge, and the proceeding ended within fifteen minutes.

The trial, which will stand as a record in the history of western litigation for many a year, ended quietly and without demonstration. The court room in Carpenters' hall was well filled, but the sudden climax did not permit of the attendance gathered from far and near, such as characterized the five days of argument and the vigil of last night.

But five ballots were taken, as it developed, and three of these were within the first few hours after deliberation had commenced.

Upon the first vote the result was eight for acquittal and four for conviction. Michael Maguire and Peter Anthes, Sr., the oldest members, joined the majority on the second ballot, and thereafter Otto T. Hildebrecht and Theodore Binner were the only supporters of conviction. Hildebrecht, it is said, announced his determination to remain out a month, if necessary, in defense of his position, and Binner, who did not express an opinion upon the last three ballots, promised to maintain his attitude until Hildebrecht arrived at a contrary conclusion.

Noon was the hour fixed for the jury's appearance in court, and all the principals were in their places when the session convened. Judge Lawlor announced he has ascertained, before coming to court, that the jury appeared to be hopelessly divided.

"I do not wish to inflict an unnecessary hardship upon citizens who already have been separated from their families and business affairs for many weeks," said the court, "and I shall ask the members of the jury to express a formal opinion upon the possibility of their arriving at a conclusion."

Intense silence prevailed as the clerk called the name of each juror, and when the last man had voted "no," in response to the inquiry, it was seen that the case had resulted in a disagreement.

Mr. Heney, who was first invited to express an opinion upon the prospect of discharge, was wearied in manner and so hoarse that his words were scarcely audible when he replied:

"In view of the fact that these jurors have been deprived of their liberty for three months, it seems apparent that they have fulfilled their duty. I believe they should be discharged."

In a long statement issued by Calhoun tonight he said:

"Of course I am disappointed at the failure of the jury to acquit me of the unjust charges that have been brought against me. I should have liked my vindication by the jury to have been absolute. And yet, when all circumstances are considered from the fact that ten members of the jury were in favor of acquittal, it must be recognized that I have won a substantial victory."

"The record of the case demonstrates that my trial was most unfair—unparalleled in the annals of American jurisprudence."

"The judge was hostile, the assistant district attorney bribed and the administration of the criminal law of this state disgraced."

"I propose at the proper time and in the proper way to submit formal charges against Heney for having received bribes and against Spreckels and Phelan for having paid them."

Opinion of Lawlor.
In his closing remarks to the jury prior to their discharge, Judge Lawlor said:

"There is a thing I think jurors ought to keep in mind, because the subject is becoming a serious one, and it is that the hardship does not arise so much from the necessity which the law recognizes that jurors shall be withdrawn from their activities and kept in confinement, but it is the extraordinary duration of judicial proceedings. The courts are utterly helpless to obviate that great and growing evil."

"There must be something wrong in the laws of a state where it takes three months to impanel a jury to try an issue, and I think that the necessity of the hour is that the people should take some steps toward the simplification of judicial proceedings, so that, instead of occupying three months to procure a jury, it could be secured in as many days."

BOILER EXPLOSION WRECKS POWER PLANT, FOUR KILLED

EXPLOSION CAUSES LOSS OF AL-
MOST \$500,000.

Two Hundred-Ton Receptacle Thrown
Eight Hundred Feet in Air.
Most of City Rendered
Dark.

DENVER, June 22.—Four known to be dead, as many missing, three perhaps fatally hurt and six more or less seriously injured, with property loss estimated between \$250,000 and \$500,000, is the story of the boiler explosion that wrecked the principal power plant of the Denver Gas and Electric company, located at Sixth and Lawrence streets, shortly after 6 o'clock this evening.

The dead are: Peter Lewis, fireman; Herman Lichner, fireman; Joseph Perri, aged 5; unidentified man, supposed to be Lawrence Sexton.

The missing are Arthur Richardson, Louis Cathro, Gabriel Luchetta, Joseph Fallico.

The explosion sent the 200-ton boiler 800 feet in the air and it came crashing through the roof of the plant, completely wrecking the generator and switchboard, cutting off the lights throughout practically the entire city. Most of the dead and injured were employees of the plant.

**CATHOLICS PAY DEBT
BY AID OF GAS JETS**

NEW YORK, June 23.—A novel method to pay off its debt of \$100,000 has been adopted by the Roman Catholic church of St. Nicholas in East Second street. An ornate brass chandelier has been constructed so that 100 gas jets extend in fanciful groups on each side of the altar.

Arrangements have been made whereby any person paying \$1000 to the church may have one of these lights lit for him at every church service forever. He may have as many lights as he desires at \$1000 each.

When a light is purchased the owner's name is inscribed below it on a brass plate and thereafter it is to be burned at every church service.

Thirty of the lights have been purchased and paid for and were burned yesterday for the first time at the dedication of the chandelier. Eighteen other lights have been engaged by members of the congregation.

WRIGHT BROTHERS HONORED, FAMED AVIATORS RECEIVE MEDALS

NATION, STATE AND CITY PAYS
THEM TRIBUTES.

Baron Takahira, General James Allen,
Governor Harmon and Other Notables
Attend Ceremony at
Dayton, Ohio.

DAYTON, Ohio, June 22.—The nation, the state and the city in which they live today paid tribute to Wilbur and Orville Wright, the aviators. Standing on a platform not far from their unpretentious little aeroplane factory almost within sight of a field where they first struggled with the problem of aerial navigation, Gen. James Allen, chief signal officer of the army, assigned by Secretary of War Dickinson for the purpose, presented to the Wright brothers the gold medals authorized by act of congress.

At the same time were given them a diamond studded medal bearing the official seal of Ohio and another from Dayton, their home city. The state medal was presented by Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio, the local medal by Mayor Edward E. Burkhardt of Dayton.

After the presentation ceremony the crowds witnessed a parade of floats depicting the development of locomotion in America. This was headed by an Indian runner, and after the various stages from the ox-cart to the automobile had been shown, was concluded by an aeroplane, with the suggestion that the next route for speeding would be among the clouds.

Wilbur Wright, on receiving the medals, made a speech in which he likened an inventor to a poet, saying that neither poet nor inventor would suffer from indifference if their wants were really known. He declared that in his belief a Shakespeare or a Tennyson could be created by a public subscription, public sentiment being such in America that whatever was needed would be forthcoming instantly.

Behind the Wrights today on rising tiers sat 2500 school children dressed in red, white and blue arranged to represent an American flag.

The day's program was closed by a parade in which was represented the evolution of locomotion, the crowning feature being an aeroplane.

**CARLOAD OF ALLIGATORS
SHIPPED TO LOS ANGELES**

NEW ORLEANS, June 23.—What is said to be the largest consignment of alligators ever shipped over a railroad left New Orleans last night for Los Angeles. There was a full carload of the reptiles comfortably ensconced in large vessels partly filled with water. The rate on the shipment proved a tangled problem for the railroad officials. A diligent search failed to find the word "alligator" in any of the tariff books, and it was finally decided to apply the rate on "animals not otherwise specified."

The freight charges amounted to \$900.

COAST HAPPENINGS MIRRORED HERE

IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS GATHERED
FROM PACIFIC SLOPE TOWNS

Condensed Resume of the Week's Happenings
Covering Events of Interest From Nearby
Places—Will Allow Rapid Scanning

Mint Employees Dismissed.
SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—With the coining of a large amount of money for the Philippines and gold coinage for the United States, aggregating \$52,000,000, completed, Superintendent Sweeney of the mint dismissed 100 employees today.

Man Dies of Thirst.
IMPERIAL, June 21.—The body of a man was found in Carrissa creek on the desert west of here yesterday with an empty quart bottle which evidently had carried water. It is believed death was due to thirst. The coroner has gone to investigate, but details are not known.

132 Women Teachers to Marry.
SEATTLE, June 23.—The city school board is advised that 132 young women school teachers will be married this summer, causing vacancies in more than one-sixth of the 583 teaching positions. Unofficial estimates show even greater havoc and the school board views the situation gloomily.

Lawyers Use Fists.
SAN JOSE, June 22.—A fistie encounter between Attorneys Louis O'Neal and A. A. Beasley followed adjournment at noon today of the damage suit of Stoldt versus the Southern Pacific company. The lie was passed by Beasley, whereon O'Neal struck him violently, knocking him over a table, and grabbed him by the throat. O'Neal was dragged off, and Beasley soon recovered.

Scores Arrested.
MONTEREY, Mex., June 22.—More than a hundred arrests have been made in connection with the dynamiting of Leon Flores' law office a few days ago by Juan Ferrino. According to the police Flores headed a band that is held responsible for many cases of blackmail and highway robbery, but also trafficked in white slaves. Many officials of surrounding towns have been arrested.

Youth Held for Counterfeiting.
SAN FRANCISCO, June 22.—Two young men, Harry Mahler and Richard Howard, both under 19 years of age, were arrested this afternoon and held to answer for counterfeiting by United States Commissioner Peacock. A complete outfit for the making of spurious 10 cent and 25 cent pieces were found in their rooms in the St. George hotel. They confessed to Secret Service Officers Moffit and Nye that within a week they would be making half dollars.

May Join Pomona With Los Angeles.
POMONA, June 23.—There is great activity here in electric railway work. Large crews of men are laying ties, planting poles and preparing to string wires on East Holt avenue from Garey avenue to Reservoir street and on West Holt avenue from Garey avenue to Huntington boulevard in the Ganesha park tract and thence up the boulevard to the bridge at the park. It is rumored that H. E. Huntington may use the old Southern Pacific railway from Ruddock to this city, thus arranging interurban connection with Los Angeles inside of two months.

Blacksmith Cuts Self.
PASADENA, June 21.—Stacey Logan, a blacksmith in the employ of Whitmore & Horder of East Union street, is confined to his bed as the result of a peculiar accident in which the fact that a sharp knife glanced from his ribs was the only thing that saved him from a probably fatal wound.

Logan, with a razor-edged knife in his hand, was paring the hoof of a horse, with the hoof between his knees and drawing the knife towards him. Striking a soft place in the horn unexpectedly, before he could control his muscles, the blade was driven against his side with sufficient force to bury it to the hilt.

Officers Catch Accused Mexican.
GOLDFIELD, Nev., June 21.—Jose Magnane, a Mexican, charged with complicity in the murder of Bryan Nelson and Richard Stillwell, who were found stabbed to death at Leland a few days ago, was captured on the desert near Amargosa today and taken to jail at Rhyolite. His companion, also a Mexican, is still at Amargosa and will be taken to Rhyolite in the morning.

Because of the popularity of the murdered men there are threats of lynching at Rhyolite and extra guards have been placed about the jail.

The Mexicans were tracked for seven miles across the desert by their footprints. Various valuables recognized as belonging to Nelson and Stillwell were found on their persons.

Unequal Distribution.
The head waiter at the banquet was in a towering rage.
"They paid that word slinger \$50 for half an hour's talk," he fumed; "and all I got was \$0.95, mostly in nickels!"